



## HEAVY RAIN AT OKLAHOMA

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## WORKS GREAT HARDSHIPS

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OKLAHOMA CITY, May 25.—Six dead and from four to five hundred homeless, thousands of lowlands inundated, a hundred houses washed away or damaged, railroad and wagon bridges are gone over, a large area of the southern part of the state and the tracks of nearly every railroad operating in the state either washed away entirely or damaged seriously, in those sections visited by heavy rains. Along the valleys of the north and south Canadian rivers, Cimarron, Arkansas, Washita and Red River, thousands of acres growing crops been damaged and many homes have been washed away.

## WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

300 Men Arrested, In Hope For Clue to The Holme Mystery.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Spurred to action by the murder of Robert C. P. Holmes, whose dead body was found in an alley last Thursday the Chicago police arrested 404 men yesterday. Ragged street beggars, well dressed idlers, negroes from "crap" games, old and young, were picked from the army of the unemployed and locked up.

All were searched but none of the Holmes jewelry was found. Though they are not held as suspects, the police admit that there is a possibility of getting a clue to the Holmes mystery through the wholesale arrests.

## A HEAVY FAMILY.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Lieut Archibald Taggart, the biggest police man in New York, six feet, six inches tall and 300 pounds in weight, has retired after 20 years on the force. He will become a butcher.

Toggart earned several medals for bravery. He comes of a Newburg family, noted for the number and size of its members. There are eight sons and three daughters, whose total weight is 2,344 pounds, an average of 213 pounds and whose total height is 68 feet, 3 inches, an average of 6 feet, 2 1/2 inches. The father, now dead, stood six feet in height and weighed more than 300 pounds. The mother was of average size.

## HEARING CONTINUED.

PORTLAND, May 25.—Edward H. Marton and son Hugh Martin former captain of detectives of New York were today arraigned in the state circuit court and pleaded not guilty to the charge of murdering Nathan Wolff, pawnbroker in this city a few days ago. On motion of Attorney J. P. Kavanaugh of counsel for the Martin case had the hearing continued until June 1.

## PORTER'S DEATH.

To Investigate the Death of Jas. J. Rosengren.

DENVER, May 25.—Howard Lemonds of Frederick, Oklahoma, is in jail here pending investigation into the death of Jas. J. Rosengren, porter at the Columbia Hotel, who was found dead in Lemond's room in the hotel yesterday from a bullet wound in the head. Lemonds denies the killing but admits that the revolver found in the room and from which a shot had been fired was his property. When first arrested, the police say, Lemonds stated that Rosengren had called him an offensive name but persisted after that he did not shoot him.

## ROBBED DETECTIVE.

Chicago Detective Robbed While in Bed by Negro.

CHICAGO, May 25.—A burglar with a humorous turn of mind who picked as his victim a detective noted in his district as an expert "thief catcher" is one of Chicago's latest acquisitions. The midnight prowler broke into the detectives' room while he lay asleep in bed, appropriating two diamond cuff buttons, sticks pins, other articles of jewelry, and some cash, which he found under the detective's pillow.

The thief added insult to injury—he left the policeman's gun, not even removing the cartridges before he left, but he took his star.

Detective Sergeant Percy Reynolds was the victim of the midnight raid. Wm. Levy, alias George Davis, a negro, under arrest, is said to be the burglar. Reynolds asserts he was chloroformed before he was robbed.

## A DOUBLE SUICIDE

Young Woman Poet and Chicago Dentist

## HE ENDS LIFE WITH GUN

Girl Was Found Lying Face Downwards With Face in Shallow Pool of Water—Some Think She Held Face Under Till Drowned.

CHICAGO, May 25.—A young woman artist and poet and a man who had a reputation as a writer of verses committed suicide yesterday. The girl was Florence Ferrin whose body was found in Zion City where she had lived.

The man was Dr. Howard N. Lancaster, a Chicago dentist. He ended his life with a pistol.

The body of the girl who was only 20 years old, was found lying face downwards in a shallow pool of water. The water was barely deep enough to cover and those who entertain the idea that the girl committed suicide by drowning say that, if she did, she must have held her head under water until she drowned.

Berney Ferrins, a sister of Florence, is the Zion City girl who went to New York to intercede with Gov. Hughes on behalf of Chester Gillett, the murderer of Grace Brown.

Excusing himself from a party of friends who had gathered at a dinner in honor of his return from a Southern trip, Dr. Lancaster, the poet-artist went to his room in his house and shot himself in the left temple, dying almost immediately.

Dr. Lancaster was a poet of some ability. With his professional duties and his literary work the burden proved too great, and a year ago Dr. Lancaster's health failed perceptibly. A month ago he went to Alabama to recuperate.

He returned home Saturday showing little improvement.

## ATTACKED BY THREE MEN

New York Bank Employees Carrying \$43,000

## WOMAN TO THE RESCUE

Thugs Threw Pepper in Faces of Victims, Waitress Struggles With Leader

## WAS ON THE WAY TO BANK

Man Captured Gave Name as Cassimo Ricobono—His Father and Three Brothers Arrested on Suspicion—Woman Brings Policeman to Rescue

NEW YORK, May 25.—While three employes of the Jefferson Bank were on their way from the branch office at Clinton and Houston streets to the main bank on Canal street, carrying \$43,000 in cash, they were attacked on First street by three men who jumped on them and threw pepper in their faces. The leading thug attacked Edelman who carried the money while the two other robbers attended to Edelman's companions. Edelman tried to shake his assailant off but was getting badly pumelled when Mrs. Eva Javornicka, a waitress in a near-by restaurant grappled the leader and screamed for a policeman. She made so much noise that the policeman heard her, and coming to the rescue frightened the other two thugs away. The patrolman was right upon the man who attacked Edelman before he could shake himself from the woman's grasp. He was captured, and gave his name as Cassimo Ricobono. The police tonight arrested Ricobono's father and two brothers on suspicion.

## SUIT TO BE FILED.

In Federal Courts at Portland This Week.

PORTLAND, May 25.—Upon the arrival in Portland of B. D. Townsend this week, a suit will be filed in the Federal courts by the United States government to compel the restoration to public domain of 3,000,000 acres of public land now held by the Oregon & California Railroad Company under the railroad grant conditioned upon the railroad company disposing of these grants to settlers at \$2.50 per acre. If the allegation of the government is correct, the railroad has broken the obligation to the government by failing to so dispose of these lands.

Tracy C. Becker of New York, the assistant to Attorney-General of the United States, has begun getting evidence to be used in the untried land fraud cases which will be taken up by the federal district court on June 2. The first cases to be tried will be that in which J. H. Booth, ex-federal grand selected today and consideration immediately begun of evidence connected with alleged land fraud said to have been committed in Umatilla county. Subpoenas have issued for 118 witnesses, principally residents of Umatilla county. It is expected that fully ten days will be required to present the evidence to the jury. The alleged frauds are in connection with 25,000 acres of unallotted lands originally comprising a part of the Umatilla Indian reservation.

## BILL PASSED.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—A bill was passed by the House today authorizing the sale of surplus of unallotted lands of the Spokane Indian reservation and to place timber lands of the reservation in the national forest.

## CLOSER RELATIONS.

KANSAS CITY, May 25.—The cooperation and closer relations leading ultimately to the union with other churches of the Presbyterian faith, duty of church to the negro and religious education were important subjects considered by the general assembly of Presbyterian Church today.

## CREW ARRIVES.

Six Members of the Ill-Fated Cacique Crew Arrive.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Six members of the crew of the ill-fated British steam Cacique, which burned 200 miles west of Point Selina, Ecuador, April 23, have arrived here by train from Mayquil. The crew, 31 all told, took to the boats, and after three days were taken on board the torpedo boat destroyer Liberator Bolivar off Point Selina and afterward transhipped to the cruiser Cotapaxi which took them to Guayaquil. The steamer Cacique left Seattle, September 20, 1907, bound for Mollendo, Peru. Her ill-luck began when she was forced to return to San Francisco to get oil. While taking oil at Loibtos, she was driven ashore by a gale. The delay prevented her from getting to her destination, thus she was forced to lay idle for three months at Mollendo before she could dispose of her cargo.

## DROP PROCEEDINGS

Report That Mrs. Harry K. Thaw Intends Doing This

## SHE WANTS TO BE TRUSTEE

The Agent of Thaw Estate Says That Executors and Trustees Have Absolute Control of Harry's Interests in the Estate.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 25.—Concerning a report that Mrs. Harry Thaw will abandon proceedings to annul her marriage and attempt instead to be appointed trustee to her husband's estate, Frank Semple, agent for the Thaw estate said today that the executors and trustees under the will of William Thaw have absolute control of all of Harry's interests in his father's estate. The fact that Harry is insane, Semple declared, could not in any way alter the terms of his father's will.

## CURRENCY LEGISLATION.

Was the Chief Topic Among Congress Leaders.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The currency legislation was the chief topic conversation among the leaders of Congress today and it gave rise all sorts rumors agreement of conferees on Aldrich-Vreeland bill. Many Republican members of Congress did not seek to disguise fear of Congress adjourning without passing an emergency currency bill failure to take action would be disastrous to the majority.

Early today there was reports circulated that there was a movement on foot to dove-tail the bills.

## ADJOURNMENT IS HURRIED

House Disposes of Great Amount of Business

## COLUMBIA CHILD LABOR

Project for Reduced Hall of Representatives Was Defeated By Large Majority

## RESULTS OF DAY'S BUSINESS

Prescribing Penalties for Selling Government Property by Soldier—Authorizing Sale of Unallotted Land at Spokane Reservation.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Working under a heavy pressure with a single eye to adjournment at the earliest possible moment the House today disposed of a great amount of business. The net result of the day's business was: Agreement to conference reports of the sundry civil bill, pension appropriation and District of Columbia child labor law. Bills were passed removing discriminations against naval officers, authorizing the sale of unallotted lands at Spokane reservation, the encouragement and development of the Alaska coal deposits; prescribing penalties for selling government property by soldiers. The omnibus public land bill was sent back to the conference. The project for a reduced hall of representatives was defeated by a large majority.

## BISHOPS CHOSEN.

BALTIMORE, May 25.—Dr. Wm. A. Quayle of Chicago and Dr. Chas. W. Smith, editor of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate, was chosen bishops on tenth and twelfth ballots, respectively in the M. E. general conference today. The thirteenth ballot was taken and the result is said to have been no election.

## SENATE IN SESSION.

Twelve Nations Have Agreed to Arbitrate Future Disputes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—With little discussion and publicity the senate has at this session passed on 37 treaties more in number if not in importance than had been ratified during the twenty years preceding. In making effective so many agreements with the nations, in the advancement along three distinct lines. Twelve nations have agreed by treaty with the United States to arbitrate future disputes, which is taken to mean nothing less than that the world has now been established on the plan of arbitration. The foundation for continued friendly procedure in adjusting questions with the orient is believed to be contained in the treaties and the legislation in respect to Japan to which is added the friendly visit of the fleet to that part of the world.

A basis of settlement has been arrived at with Great Britain by which long standing questions between Canada and the United States are assured of satisfactory adjustment.

To these important international accomplishments, directed throughout by Secretary Root may be added a number of lesser magnitude. The territory available as asylum for the fugitive from justice has been further restricted through extradition treaties with Spain, Portugal, Uruguay and San Marino, while naturalization treaties have been concluded with

Peru, Salvador and Portugal.

The gain for arbitration is regarded as a distinct victory for American diplomacy, initiated by the instructions to the American delegates to the Hague conference. The result so far is the approval of general arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Mexico, Portugal, Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark. Besides the general arbitration treaty, eleven of the treaties resulting the Hague conference were approved. As to the Orient, the important accomplishment is the bringing of Japan into the group of nations committed to arbitration.

In the adjustment of the Canadian questions, a century and a quarter of strife will be brought to an end. But greater even than this is regarded the moral effect on the world of two great powers of the world making practical use of the arbitration principle. This principle is to be invoked in adjustment the New Foundland fisheries question.

In but one instance did the senate fail to comply with the request of Secretary Root on the question of treaties. It failed to approve the convention for the regulation and transmission of wireless messages. It is predicted this treaty will be agreed to later.

## KILLED BY FATHER.

Thirteen-Year-Old Lad Ran Within Range as Parent Fired.

ST. HELENS, Or., May 25.—While crane hunting yesterday afternoon, George Barger accident shot and killed his 13-year-old son. The boy had accompanied his father on the hunt, but had become separated from him. Barger saw a good chance to bag a crane and fired. The boy, unseen by his father, had run within range, and the rifle bullet penetrated his brain, killed him instantly. Barger is prostrated with grief.

## OHIO LEAVES SEATTLE

Battleship Goes to Bremerton for Supplies

## TO BE DOCKED AT FRISCO

Eleven War Vessels in the Harbor at Seattle Attract Thousands—Grand Parade of Marines and Land Troops Today.

SEATTLE, May 25.—The harbor today presented a beautiful marine picture to large crowds assembled from all parts of the northwest.

Eleven war vessels lay in stately majesty in wide crescent extending from Smith's Cove to the south end of the harbor. Early in the day the Ohio detached and went to Bremerton to take on supplies for the trip to San Francisco where she will be docked. The sailors were entertained today at Woodland Park with a barbecue and athletic sports, while the officers were attending a reception by the society women in the afternoon and an elaborate banquet tonight. Tomorrow there will parade 6000 marines and land troops from Fort Lawton.

## UNDER INDICTMENT.

Officers Are Charged With Bribery in Southern Oregon.

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 25.—The land officials who were charged with bribery in connection with the alleged acquisition of public lands in Southern Oregon, Becker stated today cases against ex-Congressman J. N. Williamson and ex-Congressman Binger Hermann at one time commissioner of the general land office at Washington will be tried by S. F. Heney of San Francisco late this summer, Williamson and Hermann are under indictment in connection with Oregon land frauds.